



**Testimony
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The Quinnipiac Chamber of Commerce *supports* **SB-50, AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMPETITIVENESS OF CONNECTICUT AS A PLACE TO DO BUSINESS**, which requires the Commissioner of DECD to submit annual reports regarding the competitiveness of Connecticut as a place to do business.

Unfortunately, Connecticut has witnessed a record number of businesses closing their doors. While this can be attributed to a variety of economic woes, businesses often cite the staggering amounts of time and resources that must go into complying with complex and often confusing state regulations as a major barrier to competitiveness. They also point to high health insurance, energy, workers' comp, unemployment comp costs as well as tax policies as issues that make it more costly and burdensome to do business in Connecticut.

This bill will help shine a spotlight on Connecticut's business climate and encourage lawmakers and public officials to take steps to improve our competitiveness and reject measures that will make it more costly to do business. Too often, laws and regulations are passed without regard for their impact on Connecticut's business climate. We urge support for this measure.

The Quinnipiac Chamber of Commerce serves more than 800 member companies from the North Haven and Wallingford area. We are the largest non-metropolitan chamber in the state.